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This is a request for a X continuation or \_\_\_\_\_ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued

prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 884,546, filed on 6/27/97, entitled

Hydrotherapy and Exercise Device With Integrated Lift and Treadmill Means (As Amended) filed 6/27/97,

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application can not be filed as a CPA under 35 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. §1.16)	\$690.00
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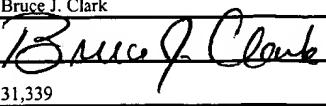
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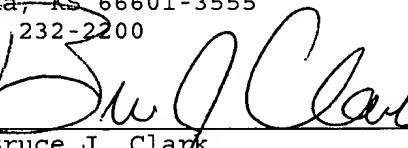


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